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CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Robbery at Sam-lai-po.

At the Criminal Sessions, which were continued at the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice and a jury, Pun Sang was indicted for being concerned with others, who were convicted at the last sessions, in the commission of a robbery with violence.

At the November court the prisoner, who had just undergone an operation, was sent back to the prison hospital the Police Judge being of opinion that he was too ill to plead.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. G. F. Archibuth (foreman), John Taylor, Sheeh Ebrahim Ismail, L. G. Rodrigues, V. F. Vieira Ribeiro, C. M. S. Soares and B. Hutchinson Cousins.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. J. H. Kemp, prosecuted, prisoner was unrepresented, and entered a plea of not guilty.

The Crown Solicitor, addressing the jury, said that the robbery was committed at 8.30 p.m. on October 12 at a place near Sam-lai-po. A gang of men entered a house, terrified the master of the house and his women relatives and took away a quantity of jewellery and other property. The prisoner was identified by one of the women of the house, and the case against the prisoner was made more simple by a statement which he made at the police station after he had been charged and cautioned. He said "I did commit the robbery at Sam-lai-po."

Before the magistrate prisoner did not repeat this confession but in a rambling statement said he was falsely accused.

The master of the house stated that the robbers rubbed pepper in his eyes and threatened to stab him to death if he gave an alarm.

The jury found the prisoner guilty.

In passing sentence of seven years' hard labour to run from November 19 last, the Chief Justice said prisoner would have done better like a number of other people of similar character, to have stayed in Canton instead of coming to Hongkong to make "if the chance of robbery and other outrages."

As he understood that prisoner was in a weak state of health, His Lordship directed the prison authorities, through the Crown Solicitor, to give him only such work as his health would allow of, and to provide him with the best food and clothing.

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Hongkong, December 18, 1912. 1576

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Hongkong, December 9, 1912. 1544

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Hongkong, December 11, 1912. 1540

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etc., etc., etc.

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Hongkong, December 16, 1912. 1577

PUBLIC AUCTION

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Hongkong, December 16, 1912. 1578

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Hongkong, December 18, 1912. 1580

PUBLIC AUCTION

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MONDAY

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Gramophones and Records, Pictures, Bird's
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Heating Stoves, a large assortment of
Leather Goods, etc., etc., etc.

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Hongkong, December 18, 1912. 1587

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION

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A LARGE AND VALUABLE
ASSORTMENT OF FANCY GOODS.

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Heating Stoves, a large assortment of
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Also
A SMALL ASSORTMENT OF
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Comprising:—
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TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

Geo. P. LAMMERT,
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Hongkong, December 17, 1912. 1561

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (for account of the concerned), on

MONDAY

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Lot 6.—HOUSE No. 7, GAP ROAD MORRISON HILL ON SECTION F OF INLAND LOT No. 1578. Area 1604 square feet. Crown Rent \$17.24.

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All the premises comprised in the above Lots Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive are held for the residue of a term of 70 years from the 25th February, 1900, (renewable for a further term of 70 years at a rent to be fixed by His Majesty's Surveyor).

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BRITISH SHIPPING IN CHINA.

The letter of "China Coaster" to the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, published in another column, will be read with astonishment, not unmixed with disapproval, by all interested in British shipping in the Far East.

However much one may sympathize with the motive which prompts him to paint the progress of British shipping in China in the gloomiest colours, it can be accepted as little excuse to deny the predominance of the British flag on the coast to the glorification of those who would desire to fill the place now occupied by the shipping of Great Britain.

According to the correspondent of the "M.S.G." company after company and ship after ship sailing under the British flag has gradually gone under in the struggle for supremacy and been "sold foreign" while the two larger British companies which now remain on the coast have each of them a less number of vessels than they had about four years ago.

In the face of so gloomy a picture, which, according to the Merchant Service Guild, is being disseminated among the captains and officers throughout the Empire, it is worth while to examine the statistics of British shipping on the China coast in an endeavour to discern the steady decline in tonnage which "China Coaster" asserts has taken place.

For purposes of comparison, the four most important treaty ports in China may be taken as a guide to the trend of shipping on the coast. By the statistics published annually by the Maritime Customs, it is seen that with one exception, that of Swatow, the number of British vessels entering the four ports has increased instead of decreasing during the last ten years, while in every case the tonnage entered has shown a considerable increase. The increase of tonnage might have been attributed to the building of fewer and larger vessels in place of the smaller ones sold out of the service, but even this plea falls when the actual number of British ships entered at the various ports is considered.

During the ten years, from 1902 to 1911, the number of British vessels entered at Shanghai had increased by 213 ships and the tonnage by the handsome figure of 836,836 tons.

At Hankow the numbers of British shipping entered during the ten years had increased by 132 vessels and the tonnage by 347,235 tons. At Swatow, the number of ships had decreased by 24 vessels, but the tonnage had increased by 15,760 tons.

Tientsin showed an increase in the number of British vessels entered during 1911 over 1902 of 12 ships and 108,216 tons.

One searches in vain here for the disastrous dwindling of the British flag on the China coast which the letter of "China Coaster" leads one to expect, and perhaps it will be necessary to look elsewhere for the cause of this correspondent's complaint. "I am not master now and never will be." Ships, and even companies, have been sold to foreign flags, and it is perhaps natural for the failures in the battle of life to look anywhere but in the right place for the cause of their non-success.

His assertion that "From what I say you can see that there are far and away less steamers under the British flag on the China coast than there were a few years ago" will hardly bear investigation by the impartial light of statistics.

Even during the boom year of 1906 when, as "China Coaster" correctly asserts, the employment of Japanese tonnage elsewhere brought an immense number of Norwegian steamers on the coast, the British flag more than held its own at the two principal ports of Shanghai and Hankow, while at Swatow and Tientsin there was but a slight decrease in numbers.

In tabulated form the progress of British shipping on the coast can, perhaps be seen with greater clearness. The following table shows the number of steamers under the British flag entered at the four principal ports of China during the years 1902, 1906 and 1911:—

Port. 1902. 1906. 1911.
Shanghai 1,846. 2,000. 2,061.
Hankow 615. 656. 647.
Tientsin 324. 303. 349.
Swatow 750. 659. 728.

From the point of view of the manning of the ships there is little cause here for the unpatriotic pessimism of "China Coaster" since, if there were more vessels entered, there must either have been more ships employed in the trade, or those that were running must have been doing so on more lucrative lines and but for "able to maintain" those who found employment on them.

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THE BRITISH ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION.

The British Engineers' Association, which was incorporated on April 26 of this year under a certificate from the Board of Trade, and was brought into being for the purpose of promoting the interests of British engineering firms in China, has developed considerably since that date.

The Association does not carry on trade of any sort, is in no sense of the word a profit-making concern, and is unconnected with any business concern or other association.

It is a curious fact that, while Germany and the United States and certain other of Britain's competitors already have associations of this sort, this is the first attempt ever made by British manufacturing engineers to convert that dead weight of influence which must exist in an industry which pays more than £2,000,000 a week in wages into an active practical force for the furthering of their interests abroad.

This Association now comprises a large number of the very best engineering firms in Great Britain, and its council is perhaps the most powerful that has ever been formed in connection with an association of manufacturing engineers.

The president is Mr Douglas Vickers; the vice-presidents are Sir Robert Hadfield, F.R.S., Mr Herbert Marshall, the Right Hon. Sir William Mather, P.C., L.L.D., Mr C. O. Scott, and Sir John I. Thornycroft, L.L.D., F.R.S. The chairman of the executive committee is Mr Wilfrid Stokes. Other members of the Council are Mr H. Alcock (W. T. Glover and Co., Limited), Mr T. O. Callender (Callender's Cable and Construction Co., Limited), Mr W. Colliwood (The Vulcan Foundry, Limited), Mr Percy B. Crowe (W. H. Allen, Son, and Co., Limited), Mr F. R. Davenport (Willans and Robinson, Limited), Mr W. H. Dixon (Haddfield's Steel Foundry Co., Limited), Mr J. Cunningham Ford (T. Cooke and Sons, Limited), Mr C. B. Hunter (Swan, Hunter, and Wigham Richardson, Limited), Mr Stainer Butchers (The Power-Gas Corporation, Limited), Mr Edward Jackson (Midland Railway Carriage and Wagon Co., Limited), Mr Arthur Jacob (The British Aluminium Co., Limited), Mr Christopher James (Joshua Buckton and Co., Limited), Mr H. Norman Leach (Heenan and Froude, Limited), Mr R. S. Lloyd (Hayward-Tyler and Co., Limited), Mr Howard Marsh (George Fletcher and Co., Limited), Mr Charles S. Schultz (Dick, Kerr and Co., Limited), Mr Arthur H. Smith (Holman Brothers, Limited), Mr Clarence Smith (Thos. and Wm. Smith, Limited), Mr T. Cuthbert Stewart (Stewart and Lloyds, Limited), Mr Philip Thaine (Vickers, Limited), Mr John E. Thornycroft (John I. Thornycroft and Co., Limited), Mr Thomas Woolf (Alfred Herbert, Limited).

At the present day the Germans are spending £100,000 on the erection of German engineering schools in China, and are paying very large sums, amounting to as much as £1,000 each, for selected Chinese, who are to be educated in Germany for ten years, first as Germans and afterwards as engineers.

The association is devoting its attention exclusively to China at the present day, because that is the country where, above all others, British engineering interests are in most urgent need of support. When thoroughly organized to cover the ground efficiently, the association will turn its attention to any other country where British engineering interests may be suffering. It is interesting to note that applications have already been received to extend the influence of the association to Canada, South America, Africa, Australia, Mexico and elsewhere.

Writing on the subject of the British Engineers' Association, Mr Claude Kinder, C.M.G., says: "I can only say that, unless an effective association is brought about to combat the severe and growing difficulties, we shall in a few years find business in China either impossible to get or not worth having, which amounts to the same. I consider that it is not only advisable for all reputable British engineering firms to back this movement, but that it is their duty to do so on common sense as well as on patriotic grounds."

The offices of the association are at Claxton House, Westminster, and the Secretary is Mr Stafford Ransome.

First-hand information on the subjects which affect engineering interests in China and is issuing it in the form of confidential reports to its members at frequent intervals. These reports are naturally very far ahead of the statistics issued by the Board of Trade, and are of much greater practical value, as they are not subjected to drastic cutting at the hands of the Foreign Office and the Board of Trade.

Among the many important items in the programme of this association is an endeavour to make the British Government, the banks, the shipping companies, and everyone else concerned realize that it is their duty to study and promote the interests of British manufacturing engineers. The association considers that when the British Government either lend money or sanction the lending of money to China, especially when a considerable portion of that money is borrowed from the British manufacturing engineers themselves, there should be a clause in such loans to the effect that the engineering plant purchased with such money shall be had from British manufacturers.

The association also holds the view that British banks should follow the policy of the banks of other nations in regarding a sound engineering contract as a negotiable asset. They consider that the shipping and railway companies should not hamper the export trade of Great Britain by charging extortionate rates, when in many other countries very great concessions are made to manufacturers for the purpose of fostering the export trade.

Another important feature in the policy of the British Engineers' Association is the encouragement of the education of Oriental engineers in the British language and on British lines, whether by British engineering schools in the countries concerned or by facilities at the educational establishments and in the engineering works of Great Britain.

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Cels, Fresh—Hoi Mann	15
Fresh Water—Tam Sin Y	12
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	24
Frog—Tien Kai	28
Garoupe—Sek Pan	28
Gudgeon—Pak Kup Yu	12
Herring—Tao Pak	18
Halibut—Cheung Kwau Kup	28
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	10
Loach—Wu Yu	28
Loabers—Lung Ha	24
Mackerel—Chi Yu	18
Monk Fish—Mung Yu	24
Mullet—Chai Yu	28
Oysters—Sai Co	20
Parrotfish—Kai Kwau Yu	14
Perch—Tau Leo	10
Pike—Pa Paw Fong	8
Plaice—Pan Yu	18
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	18
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THE WAR.

THE TURKS AND GREEKS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Ottoman delegates repudiate the suggestion that they are endeavouring to gain time by a refusal to meet the Greeks at present. They explain that they were only officially aware of the previous day of the intentions of the Hellenic Government. They were bound, therefore, to ask the Government at Constantinople for the necessary instructions and authority. They affirm the desire of the Government to conclude peace as speedily as possible.

THE AUSTRO-SERBIAN SITUATION.

The recurrence of pessimism in regard to the Austro-Serbian position is described in well-informed circles in London as unwarranted, but despatches from Belgrade and Bucharest are somewhat alarming.

The Government organ at Belgrade complains of provocative Austrian military movements, and says that search lights have been thrown over Belgrade, that monitors cruising in the Danube have come close to the frontier, even colliding with a pier at Belgrade, and that Serbians visiting the frontier towns on business have been arrested. The fact that Austrian ships in the Danube between Belgrade and Turnu Severin have been ordered to proceed towards Galatz, and that the Roumanian ships have been ordered to concentrate in the Harbour of Nis, is believed in Bucharest to be due to the Austro-Serbian dispute.

REMOVING MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

Reuter learns that despite adverse reports, the attitude of the Serbian delegates at the conference has been entirely moderated. While naturally desiring a sequester on the Adriatic, they have intimated their willingness to leave matters in the hands of the Powers. The new Serbian Minister at Vienna, M. Jovanovic, is expected to begin negotiations with a view to removing misunderstandings. Sir Edward Grey was present.

THE QUESTION OF ALBANIA.

At yesterday's meeting of the Ambassadors it is understood that the future status of Albania was discussed. A telegram from Athens states that the Greek bombardment at Port Bizani continued the whole day, the Turkish guns being silenced. By the explosion of the artillery magazine, the capture of the fort is expected immediately. This will open up the road to Janina.

AMBASSADORS IN CONFERENCE.

The first meeting of the Ambassadors took place in London on Tuesday afternoon. Sir Edward Grey received the Ambassadors at the Foreign Office. The proceedings will be private. It is probable that they will first deal with delicate questions calculated to have a disturbing influence.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A message from St. Petersburg says that M. Sukhomlinoff and M. Sazonoff (Ministers for War and Foreign Affairs respectively) have had daily audiences with the Tsar, who yesterday received the Chief of the General Staff.

THE LATE MR WHITE-LAW REID.

WARM TRIBUTES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

In the House of Commons Mr Asquith paid a warm tribute to Mr Whitelaw Reid, not only as an Ambassador but as a statesman. The Government proposed to suggest to the United States that a British battleship should convey the remains to his native land. Mr. Balfour cordially supported the proposal.

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CHINA AND OPIUM.

PROTEST FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

A telegram from Peking states that Sir John Jordan, the British Minister, has submitted a protest against the Chinese Government for having violated the Anglo-Chinese Treaty by permitting the cultivation of poppy. Compensation for damage to the British merchants is claimed.

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MR BONAR LAW'S SPEECH.

UNIONISTS NOT UNITED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Times states that the Unionist opinion in the House of Commons on the subject of the policy enunciated by Mr Bonar Law at Ashton-under-Lyme on Tuesday is not united. A somewhat similar divergence of opinion exists among the party in the country, a desire for a renewal of the referendum pledge being still expressed by Lancashire and Irish Unionists.

AVERSE TO FOOD TAXATION.

From sixty to seventy per cent. of the Unionists, including the immediate supporters of Mr. Walter Long, are now averse to food taxes, which are disliked in Scotland and the North of England. A smaller section, supported by Mr. Austen Chamberlain, favours the present Tariff proposals, and this section has got the Party machine, hence its influence. Both are united in one respect, that they are unwilling to do anything to prejudice Mr. Bonar Law's leadership. It is likely, therefore, that matters will tend to compose themselves.

LORD CURZON'S VIEWS.

Lord Curzon, speaking at York, said he would like to see the contentions of the Unionist programme put temporarily in the background. He added: "We should be better employed discussing the dangers of the present system than discussing whether we should pay a tax on barley, corn, and oats in years to come."

A SUFFRAGIST "REBEL."

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A male suffragist charged with setting fire to a railway carriage refused, as a suffragist rebel, to comply with the summons, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

CHINESE MERCHANTS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

A Happy Suggestion.

About a hundred and fifty leading local Chinese merchants and Editors of local Chinese newspapers assembled by invitation at Government House yesterday.

H.E. The Governor, in the course of a speech on the subject of the boycott, dwelt on the folly of it, and asked his guests to use their influence to bring it to an end.

His Excellency's speech was interpreted by Sir Kai Ho Kai.

Afterwards the company were invited to partake of tea.

The Hon. Mr. Wei-Yuk, after the departure of the Governor, made the happy suggestion that they should all make a journey in the train cars. The suggestion was immediately carried out.

A successful Whist Drive was held in the R.E.N.C. O's Mess on Wednesday evening. Thirty-six tables were filled with players. The Committee were most assiduous in their attentions to the visitors.

At the conclusion of the Drive, an impromptu concert was held, after which Sergeant Major Warwick, R. E., thanked the visitors, particularly the ladies, for being present in such large numbers, and praised the Committee—Q.M.S. Murray, C.S.M. Taylor, and Corp. Morgan, for the perfect arrangements. He then presented the prizes—Ladies—1st, Mrs H. Middleton 146; 2nd Mrs Carr 139; 3rd Mrs Morley 139; 4th Mrs Sandford 137; Hidden Number Mrs Langley 133; Boddy Mrs Elder 113; Gent—1st Sgt. Wilson 159; and Sgt. Crockett 152; 2nd Mr Combe 151; 4th Mr Christie 143; 5th Mr Hooker 141; Hidden Number Mr Munster 124; Boddy Sgt Down 108.

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THE JAPANESE MINISTRY.

A FORECAST.

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

The installation of the Katsura Ministry will take place to-morrow. A well-informed source gives the following as the names of the Ministers—

Prime Minister, Prince Katsura, Minister of the Interior, Viscount Oara.

Minister for Foreign Affairs, Baron Kato.

Minister of Finance, Mr Wakatsuki.

Minister of Education, Mr Shibata.

Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, Mr Nakashoji.

Minister of Communications, Baron Goto.

Minister for War, Lieut. General Kogoshi.

Minister of Marine, unknown.

Baron Goto will probably hold the office of President of the Railway Board in addition to his other post, and the Prime Minister will take the portfolio of Foreign Affairs till Baron Kato, who is at present Ambassador in London, is formally installed.

DIOCESAN GIRL'S SCHOOL.

Lady May Presents Prizes.

A large gathering attended at the City Hall this afternoon to witness the presentation of prizes by Lady May to the pupils of the Diocesan School and Orphanage. Among those who also attended were the Bishop of Victoria, Archbishop Barnett, and the Rev. H. Copley Moyle. The pupils opened proceedings with a programme of songs and recitations.

The Bishop in a short speech eulogised the work of the school during the past thirteen years and said the institution had just passed through a financial crisis caused by the necessity for building new premises for the girls' school. The old school had been sold and they had now obtained a good site on the Kowloon side at a cost of about \$4,000. A sum nearly \$50,000 had to be provided for the new buildings. Towards this amount the Boys' School had made a grant of \$10,000, the Government had promised a similar sum when the school was opened, and friends had contributed something like \$25,000. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Lady May for her attendance.

THE CITY'S WATER.

Twenty-one Week's Supply.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council this afternoon Sir Kai Ho Kai asked whether the erection of steel fountains in connection with the water supply had the effect of keeping down the consumption of water to two million gallons a day.

The Hon. Director of Public Works said it had had the effect of reducing the consumption to three million gallons a day, which was the figure necessary to carry the Colony through to the rainy season. During the past week there was drawn from this reservoir fifteen million gallons and there remained 317 million gallons which at the same rate left a twenty-one week's supply at the beginning of the present week. The whole matter depended upon whether the streams would hold up and enable them to draw no more than fifteen gallons a week from the reservoirs.

THE COLONY AND WIRELESS.

Hongkong's New Station.

This afternoon H.E. The Governor made an interesting announcement to the members of the Legislative Council upon the subject of the projected wireless telegraph station for the Colony.

His Excellency detailed the correspondence which had passed between himself and the Secretary of State for the Colonies and said Mr. Macartney now suggested that the power of the Hongkong station shall be five kilowatts, which is the power of those at Colombo and Surabaya, and that the Singapore station shall be of similar power. It is proposed that the Crown Agents for the Colonies shall immediately call for tenders for the erection of the Hongkong Station. The British North Borneo Company propose to erect a series of stations and when all are completed, ships with a wireless installation will be within call of one another between Hongkong, Singapore and North Borneo during the night and will only be out of reach of a station during the day time, if at all only for a short portion of their voyage.

The announcement which we propose to publish fully to-morrow, was cordially received by the members.

THE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

Government Explains the Cost.

A Government paper explanatory of the increase in the actual cost of the Post Office Building over the estimate laid before the Council by the Public Works Department and the architect, was laid before the Legislative Council at the meeting of that body this afternoon. The statement shows that the actual cost exceeded the original estimate of \$300,000 by no less a sum than \$450,000. In other words the building cost nearly double what was anticipated.

Summarised, the paper states that the proposal to construct a new building was first made by a Committee appointed in September 1894, who recommended that competitive designs should be invited. After prolonged correspondence and discussions, chiefly concerning the site on which the building should be erected, it was finally decided in 1902 to purchase the recently reclaimed area belonging to Sir Robert Jardine, on the west side of Paddar Street, at an outlay of \$308,280. The sanction of the Secretary of State to inviting competitive designs was obtained and the conditions of competition were published in December 1902, one of such conditions being that the total cost of the building, exclusive of architects' commission, was not to exceed \$500,000. The architects' commission on this sum would have amounted to about \$25,000, thus making the total cost \$525,000. The building was specified to be three stories in height, with a basement underneath. The design submitted by Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs was selected in July 1903. In the report which accompanied their design, the following statement was made with regard to the cost:—"With regard to the question of cost it is believed that the buildings can be built as shown on plans for the sum named in the conditions, viz., \$500,000; but the extent to which stone could be used, and steel construction and the better classes of wood made use of, would have to depend in great measure upon the local conditions of building prices at the time when tenders are invited."

The estimate was made up of the following items: Foundations, including drainage, \$122,000; superstructure and fittings, \$383,000; lighting, heating and ventilation, \$21,000; contingencies, \$4,000.

The Public Works Committee recommended that a fourth story should be added to the building and their recommendation was approved by Government. Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs estimated the cost at \$75,000. Adding architects' commission to this sum, the total estimated cost became \$803,750.

Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs expressed a wish to have all the cornices and dressings throughout executed in granite, but they feared that this would be out of the question if the cost was to be strictly limited to the sum of \$500,000. The same remark applied, though in a less degree, to the use of steel and the better class of wood. His Excellency Sir Henry Blake, to whom, as Governor, the matter was referred, considered that a very important public building such as this should be of the best and Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs were accordingly instructed that they might provide in the first instance for the use of first-class materials and of granite where they deemed it desirable to introduce it on the principal fronts. Should the tenders prove to be much in excess of the estimated cost, it would afterwards be considered what modifications, if any, should be made in the materials to be used. It was thought that the sum of \$600,000 should cover the cost of first-class materials and permit of a fairly handsome exterior. To facilitate the erection of the building, it was arranged that a contract for the foundations should be let separately and Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs prepared plans which were materially reduced, at the instance of the Director of Public Works with a view to keeping within the estimate.

Tenders for the modified proposals were called for in September 1903 and the amount of the lowest received, after correction of arithmetical errors, was \$174,170.86. In view of the large excess over their estimate (\$122,000, including drainage), the matter was referred to Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs, who obtained a tender amounting to \$134,001.04, which was accepted in November 1903. In February 1905, Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs forwarded the drawings, specifications, etc., for the superstructure and they were then requested to furnish an estimate of the cost of the building based upon the documents submitted. Their estimate, dated 17th April, 1905, amounted to \$815,950, exclusive of architects' fees.

Extras included on account of foundations were put in to ensure that the malle in the basement should not be damaged by water penetrating through the floor. This amended estimate was submitted to Government in May 1905 and it was decided that tenders should be called for without modification of the drawings and specification. The lowest tender received, which was accepted, amounted to \$683,912.24 or fully \$13,000 in excess of Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs' estimate; so that the estimate then totalled \$872,000, of which architects' fees accounted for \$42,150. This sum appeared in the estimate for 1906. The tender for the superstructure was accepted on the 26th July, 1905; but, as the foundations were not completed until the 22nd January, 1906, the contractors were not let into possession of the site until that date.

In the meanwhile His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan proposed that a Clock Tower should be added to the building and Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs were instructed to prepare sketch designs estimated the extra cost involved at \$97,000. The addition of this sum to \$872,000, the estimate of the superstructure, made the total cost \$969,000.

The report was signed by Hon. Mr. W. Chubb, Director of Public Works.

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having been sanctioned, Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs' estimate was revised by the Public Works Department and, as it was considered inadequate, a further sum of \$23,150 was added to it. Architects' fees had again to be allowed for and a further sum of \$2,100 was added to cover these, thus bringing the total estimated cost up to \$929,250, or, as it appeared in the estimates for 1907 and succeeding years, \$939,000.

The further increases which occurred were set forth in detail in an accompanying statement. It was deemed advisable to partly insure it against fire during construction and a sum of \$8,672 was expended on this service. This is a new departure and, in accordance with the practice of the Government, the insurance has been discontinued since the building was completed. In Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs' design, no protection was shown for the iron columns and girders, on which considerable portions of the building are supported and, as the consequences of a fire would doubtless have been most serious under such conditions, it was decided that all such columns and girders should be encased in cement concrete, and an expenditure of \$14,587 was incurred in carrying this out.

The report was signed by Hon. Mr. W. Chubb, Director of Public Works.

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TACOMA MARU... Thursday, 26th Dec., at 2 p.m.

PANAMA MARU... Tuesday, 7th Jan., at 2 p.m.

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CHICAGO MARU... Thursday, 20th Feb., at 2 p.m.

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Steamer

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Steamers

DALIN MARU... Sunday, 22nd Dec., at 10 a.m.

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For ANPING & TAKAO via SWATOW AND AMOY.

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BOHU MARU... Wednesday, 25th Dec., at 8 a.m.

For CANTON (Direct).

Steamer

BOHU MARU... Saturday, 21st December.

These steamers of the Coast and Formosa Line have excellent accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted with Electric Light and Fans.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR

SHANGHAI... LINCHOW... Dec. 21, Midnight.

TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO... HANGCHOW... Dec. 23, at 4 p.m.

HAIKONG... SHANGHAI... Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI... CHENAN... Dec. 26, at 4 p.m.

MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO... KEIKOW... Dec. 27, at 4 p.m.

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER—Twice Weekly.

S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUI".

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N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailing. A Company's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every Saturday night.

These Steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

REDUCED FARES: Single \$45 Return \$75.

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SHANGHAI TO ANTUNG, direct sailings on alternate Wednesdays.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG & YATSHING... FRIDAY, Dec. 20, at Noon.

CALCUTTA... SATURDAY, Dec. 21, Daylight.

SHANGHAI... SATURDAY, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m.

SANDAKAN... SATURDAY, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m.

MANILA... SATURDAY, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m.

SHANGHAI... SATURDAY, Dec. 21, Daylight.

SINGAPORE, PENANG & YATSHING... TUESDAY, Dec. 24, at 2 p.m.

CALCUTTA

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN. (Occupying 24 days).

The steamers Kishu, Yamaguchi and Fushu leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Japan returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. Time occupied 30 days. This service is supplemented by the Yokohama and Kurematsu leaving Hongkong at regular intervals for Moji and Kobe and returning thence direct to Hongkong. Time occupied 18 days.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A fully qualified Surgeon is also carried.

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Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin, Dairen, Weihaiwei, Tsingtau & Newchwang.

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WESTWARD

The S.S. OKARA, 5231 tons gross, Capt. E. B. Hirst, will be despatched for SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON on the 12th January, 1913, at Noon, and will be followed by the S.S. UPADA, 5237 tons gross, Capt. Logan, sailing hence on or about the 26th January, 1913, at Noon, taking cargo at current rates.

EASTWARD

The S.S. UPADA, 5237 tons gross, Captain Logan, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA & KORE on the 21st December, at Daylight, taking cargo and passengers at current rates.

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Hongkong, July 19, 1912.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR

SHANGHAI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA... PENBROKESHIRE... about 18th Dec.

LONDON & ANTWERP... DENBIGHSHIRE... about 24th Dec.

SHANGHAI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA... CARMARTHENSHIRE... about 14th Jan.

LONDON, ANTWERP & SEATTLE... MONMOUTHSHIRE... about 18th Jan.

LONDON & ANTWERP... PENBROKESHIRE... about 4th Feb.

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Hongkong, February 15, 1912.

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